

## Today's News - March 17, 2005

Green revolution not a moment too soon. -- "Guggenheim economics" not painting a very pretty picture in Asia. -- Preservationists lose credibility when they "push the definition of what deserves protection to ludicrous extremes." -- Putin takes on Perrault and the Bolshoi Theatre (some amusing - and not so amusing - dialogue). -- Canada gets its own mega-mall. -- Libeskind's Kentucky condo project "swooshes" (and pleases most locals). -- Quaker school will be largest straw-bale building in the world (so far). -- A Brit to turn a top-secret Ukrainian submarine base into a tourist attraction. -- A \$3 billion hotel opens its doors in Abu Dhabi (where else?). -- Quebec Order of Architects names 32 finalists for Awards of Excellence - public asked to vote.

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[Revolution II saves Earth -- the green reconstruction of human society -- has already begun, and not a minute too soon.](#) - William McDonough/MBDC; Robert Nobel/Tucker Sadler Architects- San Diego Union-Tribune

[Commentary: Museum project may paint Hong Kong in red ink: Asia's embrace of "Guggenheim economics" recently faltered in Taiwan. \(Bloomberg News\)](#)- International Herald Tribune

[Making a landmark out of everything gets nothing: ...utterly nondescript building...in Berkeley began life in 1946 as a homey office building...a symbol of why the historic preservation movement is in danger of losing its credibility. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Vladimir Putin Has Become Reconstruction Work Superintendent: ...visited the Bolshoi Theatre and decided for himself to restore it..."How come that man Perrault won the \[Mariinsky Theatre\] competition if he couldn't confine himself to the sum declared?" Putin asked.](#) - Nikita Shangin; Dominique Perrault- Kommersant (Russia)

[Canada's Newest Mega Mall: Lac Mirabel, the \\$350 million retail and entertainment complex...320 acres, including Canada's largest indoor aquarium at 140,000 sq. ft. and a 305,000 sq. ft. man-made lake.](#) - Design International- National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

[Riverside tower could make splash: The proposed 21-story, 80-condominium, crescent-shaped Covington building has a notable "swooshing" roofline that sweeps to the sky.](#) - Daniel Libeskind [images]- Cincinnati Enquirer

[Harvest Home: Quaker school's earth-friendly construction -- from straw -- is designed to save energy and teach kids by example the value of 'green' thinking. By Edward Gunts - Hord Coplan Macht](#)- Baltimore Sun

[Brits take on Soviet base: A British architect has drawn up plans to transform a top-secret submarine base in the Ukraine into a tourist attraction.](#) - Wintersgill- Guardian (UK)

[What \\$3 Billion, More or Less, Buys: A Hotel Fit for Kings: the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, which just opened to the public, is said to be the most expensive hotel ever built.](#) - Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo [images]- New York Times

[Quebec Order of Architects announces 32 finalists in its Awards of Excellence: public is invited to vote](#)- Canadian Architect

[Home-grown: Behnisch, Behnisch & Partner Takes on the World \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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